

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 and add Claims 5 through 7 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An imaging apparatus comprising:

a recording unit which records taken images on a first recording medium;

a display unit which displays the taken images;

a first detecting unit which detects the remaining available recording space of the first recording medium;

a second detecting unit which detects a plurality of external recording devices from a network; and

a control unit which (a) determines a priority among the plurality of external recording devices, (b) automatically selects one of the plurality of external recording devices in accordance with the determined priority among the plurality of external recording devices, and

~~©) controls the selected external recording device to record the taken images on a second recording medium if the remaining available recording space of the first recording medium reaches a predetermined value~~ changes a recording medium for the taken images from the first recording medium to the selected external recording device so as to record the taken images on a second recording medium by the selected external recording device,

wherein said display unit displays that a recording medium for the taken images has been changed from the first recording medium to the selected external recording device, if the selected external recording device starts recording of the taken images.

2. (Previously Presented) An imaging apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said second detecting unit detects the plurality of external recording devices using Universal Plug and Play.

3. (Previously Presented) An imaging apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said imaging apparatus includes a digital video camera.

4. (Previously Presented) An imaging apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said imaging apparatus includes a digital video camera, and
wherein said second detecting unit detects the plurality of external recording devices using Universal Plug and Play.

5. (New) An imaging apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said control unit changes a recording medium for the taken images from the first recording medium to the selected external recording device so as to record the taken images on the second recording medium by the selected external recording device, if the remaining available recording space of the first recording medium reaches a predetermined value.

6. (New) An imaging apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said second detecting unit detects remaining available recording spaces of the plurality of external recording devices from the network, and

wherein said control unit determines the priority among the plurality of external recording devices in accordance with the remaining available recording spaces of the plurality of external recording devices detected by said second detecting unit.

7. (New) An imaging apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said second detecting unit detects response times of the plurality of external recording devices from the network, and

wherein said control unit determines the priority among the plurality of external recording devices in accordance with the response times of the plurality of external recording devices detected by said second detecting unit.